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Applicants: Toshio Kazama  
 Assignee: NHK Spring Co., Ltd.  
 Title: Conductive Contact Member Having A Contact Surface Protected From Solder Deposition  
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